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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the month of JANUARY, 1948.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth, 2/3/48.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughtering.

POPULATION.

The following populations are now recorded as a preliminary result of the Census taken on the 30th June, 1947 -

State Total : 502,731 - Comprising 258,303 Males and 244,428 Females.
(Increase since 1933 Census 63,879).

Metropolitan Area : 272,586 - Comprising 131,717 Males and 140,869 Females.
(Increase since 1933 Census 65,146).

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	DECEMBER		Year ended DECEMBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Marriages No. *Rate per 1000 of population	501 11.66	513 12.14	5,283 10.51	5,171 10.46
Births No. *Rate per 1000 of population	1,006 23.40	1,210 28.63	12,874 25.61	12,105 24.49
Deaths No. *Rate per 1000 of population	419 9.75	345 8.16	4,725 9.40	4,753 9.61
Infant Mortality No. Rate per 1000 Live Births	37 36.78	28 23.14	398 30.92	376 31.06
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	13	7	141	170
Cancer	60	45	594	549
Influenza	-	-	9	15
Diphtheria	-	-	8	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	39	34	423	397
Arteriosclerosis	15	11	163	173
Diseases of the Heart	114	88	1,368	1,300
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	24	21	279	321
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	3	36	28
Nephritis	15	13	181	170
Diseases of Early Infancy	20	17	204	210
Senility	5	7	119	122
Accidents	35	24	300	301
All Other Causes	74	75	900	986
TOTAL	419	345	4,725	4,753

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the month of January totalled 52,696 acres, a decrease of 3,815 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 233,999 acres, a decrease of 1,149,994 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,287,900	1,200,277	9,218,876	7,752,263
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.10.10.	£2.8.2.	£18.5.2.	£15.12.3.
Expenditure	1,458,338	1,301,182	10,041,719	8,463,910
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£2.17.7.	£2.12.2.	£19.17.9.	£17.0.11.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st January amounted to £35,721,786, or £70.9.2d. per head of population as against £36,667,655 or £73.9.8d. per head as at the 31st December last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 28th January, 1948 amounted to £5,553,329, compared with £4,148,417 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Transfers	(No. 1,089	1,324	10,329	10,790
	(£ 500,329	754,766	5,136,250	5,493,876
Mortgages	(No. 688	769	6,416	6,195
	(£ 591,496	611,732	5,974,461	5,192,300
Discharges of Mortgages ..	(No. 655	680	5,712	5,586

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£	£	£	£
<u>1947 -</u>				
January	1,236,382	1,272,141	1,893,777	171,721
February	981,890	1,571,910	2,100,827	130,422
March	1,025,999	1,034,280	1,706,073	148,225
April	1,032,193	904,783	2,181,750	131,075
May	1,133,005	1,172,830	2,513,691	119,906
June	999,553	1,235,966	3,085,537	134,149
July	986,992	890,625	2,815,570	125,720
August	1,181,616	934,743	2,284,635	155,234
September	1,381,485	1,062,710	3,286,715	163,596
October	1,238,310	854,181	2,878,237	156,911
November	1,142,486	796,547	2,541,336	135,913
December	1,120,213	1,104,042	3,833,345	138,832
<u>1948 -</u>				
January	1,269,393	752,509	3,011,477	175,780

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COMPANIES REGISTERED.

72 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,932,500 and 29 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1948. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 52 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,120,000 and 28 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

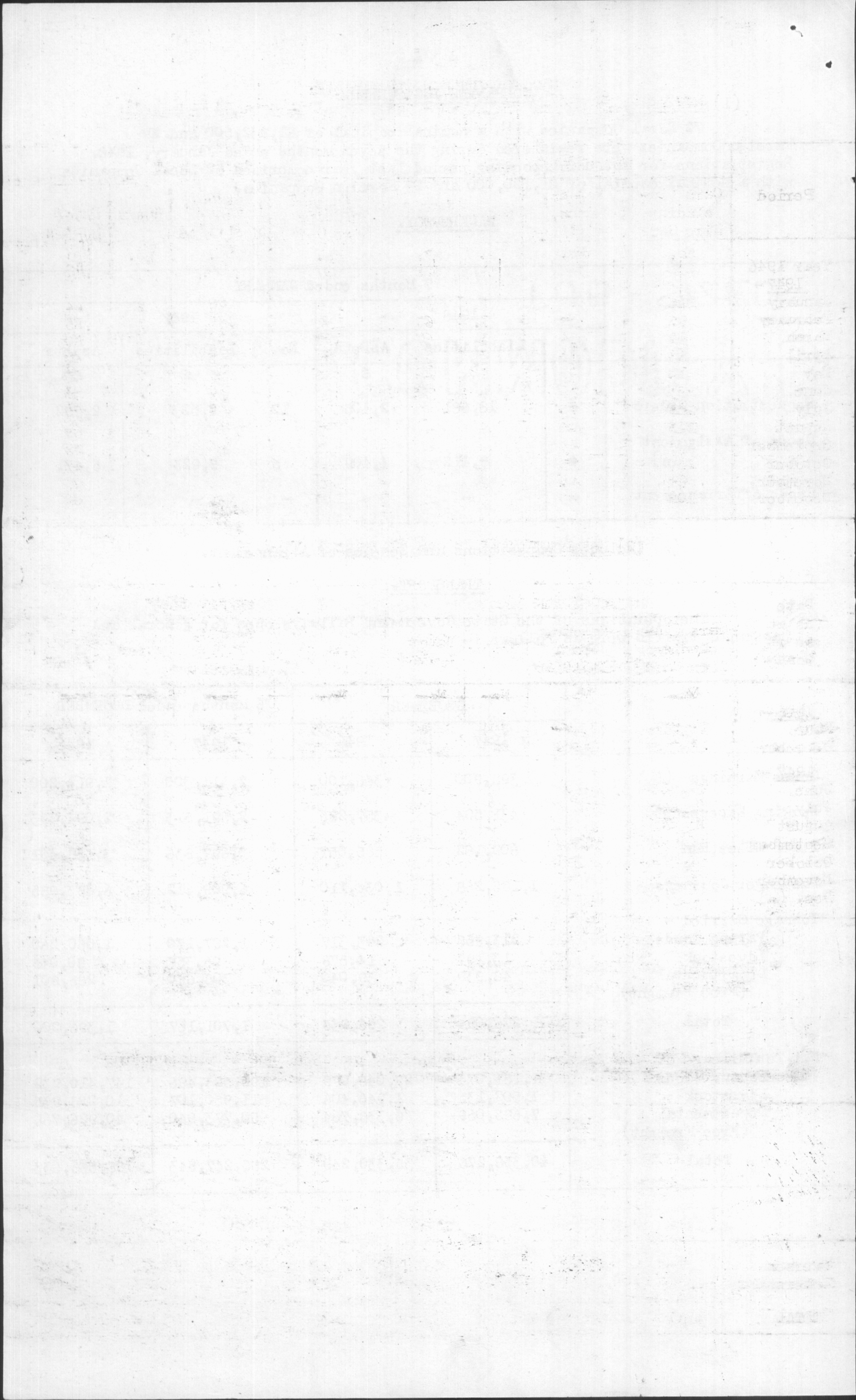
	7 Months ended JANUARY					
	1948			1947		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	6	18,681	2,405	12	9,523	2,752
Deeds of Assignment (a)	4	8,412	4,409	5	7,925	5,471
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946
Gross Earnings (£	395,900	346,100	2,311,300	1,914,200
Working Expenses (£	431,594	357,296	2,591,513	2,094,293
Train Miles Run	609,182	535,057	3,697,836	3,138,401
Passenger Journeys	1,185,268	1,034,110	6,909,612	6,683,985
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	213,958	203,317	1,297,170	1,060,260
Livestock	13,197	14,578	95,357	80,045
Departmental (Free Freight)	48,939	39,040	308,640	255,901
Total	276,094	256,935	1,701,167	1,396,206
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	31,151,074	27,045,079	192,523,496	147,410,932
Livestock	1,502,135	1,946,406	11,950,107	10,228,935
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,685,069	6,338,764	50,773,940	40,926,766
Total	40,338,278	35,330,249	255,247,543	198,566,633



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1946	No. 536	No. 328	No. 11	No. 422	No. 637	No. 718	No. 16	No. 513
1947 -								
January	111	27	2	52	149	79	2	66
February	95	38	1	65	137	108	1	85
March	84	54	1	67	129	156	1	80
April	63	34	3	34	95	112	3	48
May	83	42	1	36	126	127	2	60
June	83	26	-	32	163	89	-	45
July	142	73	3	41	256	194	5	77
August	115	58	4	41	195	167	8	69
September	133	43	-	47	227	180	1	82
October	145	55	8	64	240	162	9	95
November	68	44	9	46	149	180	9	81
December	102	25	8	68	200	131	13	98

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGNS.)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1946 -								
June	19,214	7,989	204	4,295	31,316	28,147	309	6,794
December	19,770	8,878	243	4,709	31,777	30,096	319	7,324
1947 -								
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
July	20,210	9,251	255	4,599	31,460	28,627	350	6,641
August	20,471	9,420	244	4,791	32,498	30,881	349	7,159
September	20,739	9,558	244	4,969	33,026	31,668	350	7,476
October	20,980	9,763	251	5,065	33,361	32,164	357	7,725
November	21,063	9,806	260	5,165	33,638	32,755	366	8,005
Dec. (a)	21,374	10,013	271	5,305	34,045	33,148	379	8,197

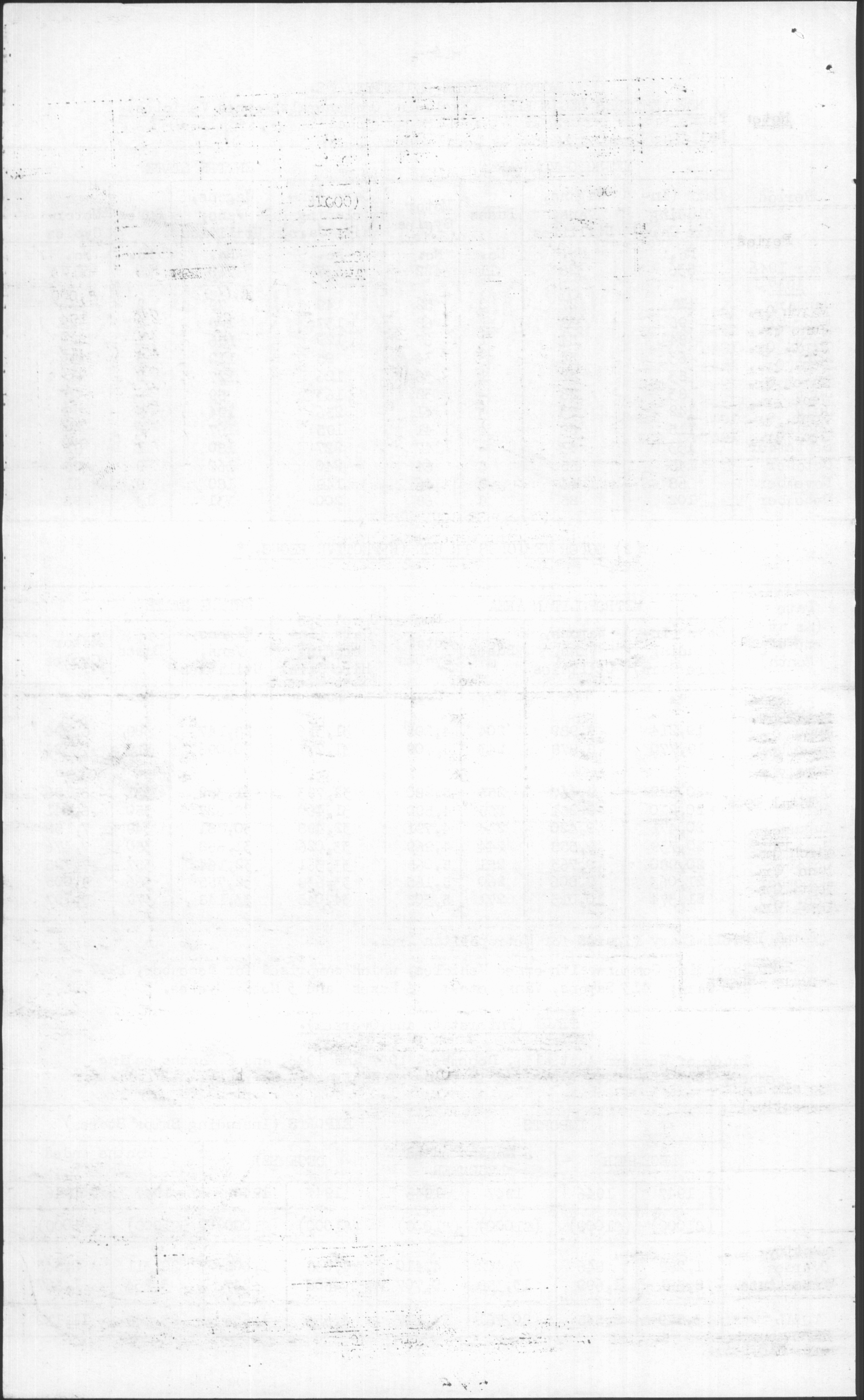
(a) Preliminary figures for Metropolitan Area.

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for December, 1947 - 100 Cars; 413 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, December, 1947 and 1946, and 6 Months ending December, 1947 and 1946, expressed in terms of Australian Currency.

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		6 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946
	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)	(£1000)
Oversea	1,288	846	7,402	4,410	4,045	1,408	20,311	9,545
Interstate	2,591	1,699	13,359	9,707	608	247	3,234	1,567
TOTAL	3,879	2,545	20,761	14,117	4,653	1,655	23,545	11,112



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Houses & Other Dwellings (a)		Factories		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
March Qr. 1946	206	168	7	5	26	21	239	194
June Qr., 1946	295	271	15	41	35	40	345	352
Sept. Qr. 1946	364	337	14	20	44	59	422	416
Dec. Qr., 1946	451	445	16	16	40	72	507	533
March Qr. 1947	412	423	7	8	50	131	469	562
June Qr., 1947	483	515	8	5	32	35	523	555
Sept. Qr. 1947	670	699	9	17	40	66	719	782
Dec. Qr., 1947	680	743	13	34	42	95	735	872

(a) Excluding Owner-built Dwellings.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION. (Excluding Owner-built Homes)

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Number Completed				
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.	Wood or mainly Wood	Fibro-Cement or mainly Fibro-Cement	Other	Total
<u>1946</u>					
March Qr.	75	35	37	56	203
June Qr.	124	37	68	66	295
Sept. Qr.	144	64	94	62	364
Dec. Qr.	229	38	140	40	447
Total 1946	572	174	339	224	1,309
<u>1947</u>					
March Qr.	201	31	139	39	410
June Qr.	259	43	163	15	480
Sept. Qr.	302	77	285	3	667
Dec. Qr.	326	86	263	2	677
Total 1947	1,088	237	850	59	2,234
<u>1948</u>					
January - Month	61	8	49	-	118

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,908,160 lbs. were produced during December, 1947 and 11,914,249 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1947, as against 1,486,301 lbs. and 10,081,087 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1946..

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	JANUARY		12 Months ended DECEMBER	
	1948	1947	1947	1946
Quantity ... Fine Oz.	54,941	62,745	703,886	616,964
Value (Aust. Currency) £	591,404	675,298	7,575,574	6,640,069

Dividends Reported by Gold Mining Companies for the 12 months ended December, 1947 amounted to £894,085. Dividends Reported for the corresponding period for 1946 were £713,926.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

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(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings (a)		Warehouses		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1946	206	168	1	8	32	21	33	29
1945	208	271	15	41	35	40	55	352
1944	364	321	14	80	47	123	62	416
1943	451	445	16	16	45	107	62	533
1942	418	421	7	8	40	131	55	568
1941	463	511	8	11	35	133	56	585
1940	670	622	14	14	40	154	68	696
1939	600	479	13	13	33	106	56	488

(a) Excluding Owner-built Dwellings.

Excluding (a) Owner-built Dwellings.

Note: Monthly figures are preliminary only.

Period	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or mainly Wood		Ship or Aircraft or main		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1946	43	61	1	8	49	21	53	29
1945	61	104	1	11	47	123	55	352
1944	124	124	14	80	47	123	62	416
1943	124	124	16	16	45	107	62	533
1942	124	124	7	8	40	131	55	568
1941	124	124	8	11	35	133	56	585
1940	124	124	14	14	40	154	68	696
1939	124	124	13	13	33	106	56	488

BUTTERFLY LARVAE IN TREES.

1,908 lbs. were reported in 1946, 1,908 lbs. in 1945, 1,908 lbs. in 1944, 1,908 lbs. in 1943, 1,908 lbs. in 1942, 1,908 lbs. in 1941, 1,908 lbs. in 1940, 1,908 lbs. in 1939.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

Period	1946		1945		1944		1943	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
1946	206	168	1	8	32	21	33	29
1945	208	271	15	41	35	40	55	352
1944	364	321	14	80	47	123	62	416
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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Food and Groceries -				
Metropolitan Area	1168	1057	1132	1055
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1322	1191	1273	1188
Northam	1186	1071	1156	1069
Bunbury	1173	1059	1140	1053
Geraldton	1193	1082	1163	1079
Collie	1186	1071	1155	1069

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures Supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1946 -</u>			
November	99,166	34,700	133,866
December	100,130	34,939	135,069
<u>1947 -</u>			
January	100,807	34,392	135,199
February	101,861	34,815	136,676
March	102,999	35,339	138,338
April	102,697	35,266	137,963
May	103,356	35,479	138,835
June	103,935	35,542	139,477
July	104,271	35,640	139,911
August	104,124	35,816	139,940
September	105,208	35,888	141,096
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1943	1944	1945	1946(a)	1947(a)	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	128	137	142	145	162	865	826	870	995	1134
February	130	138	142	148	163	861	824	868	1016	1138
March	132	139	144	151	163	846	825	877	1045	1145
April	134	139	144	153	162	835	827	876	1051	1144
May	131	140	144	154	164	836	832	891	1069	1151
June	135	139	145	154	165	835	829	903	1087	1153
July	136	140	146	156(a)	165	828	832	899	1096	1168
August	136	140	145	157	166	814	832	897	1109	1181
Sept.	137	140	143	158	168	806	834	914	1114	1172
October	138	140	141	161	167	801	837	929	1118	1184
November	136	141	141	160	167	814	851	965	1133	1215
December	137	142	145	161	168	840	886	1012	1165	1267

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1946 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1946</u>									
November	5,660	722	6,382	5,376	710	6,086	1,279	38	1,317
December	448	18	466	541	21	562	1,186	35	1,221
<u>1947</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July (a)	404	12	416	366	14	380	782	15	797
Aug. (a)	355	10	365	538	10	548	599	15	614
Sept. (a)	181	5	186	286	5	291	494	15	509
Oct. (a)	179	6	185	233	5	238	440	16	456
Nov. (a)	175	12	187	249	10	259	366	18	384

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	JANUARY		7 Months ended JANUARY	
	1948	1947	1948	1947
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	17,539	16,867	129,510	113,962
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	14,489	14,323	109,813	97,046

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Month	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
	No.	No.	No.	No.
January, 1948	5,428	279	63,509	9,744
January, 1947	4,587	297	87,216	13,290
12 Months ended December, 1947	95,932	4,641	1,053,826	123,844
12 Months ended December, 1946	88,176	4,044	1,000,659	163,046

